Mr. SPEAKER.—This question requires a very lengthy answer.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Does the constitution of the Board involve any extra expenditure and also add to the working cost ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Yes, it would.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—To what extent ?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—They have to work under the Central Electricity Act.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Sri T. Mariappa may ask questions, but should not try to answer.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—To what extent this Government would divest itself of its power after the constitution of the Board ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—A greater part of the power would be taken away by the Board.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Does the Board consist of the nominees of the Mysore Government or the nominees of the Central Government or what is the composition of the Board ? Is it something like the Tungabhadra Project Board ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—The Board has been described by the Electricity Act of 1948 of the Government of India.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Will the Minister be pleased to enlighten me as to the constitution of the Board if he has not had occasion to look into it ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I will place it on the Table of the House.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Taking into consideration the traditions set up here regarding electrical schemes, taking into consideration that Mysore was the pioneer in installing hydro-electric works, will the Government formally represent to the Central Government holding that there is no need for the formation of the Board within the State, that it is the unanimous wish of this House and of the people of Mysore that there is no need for such a Board and that the constitution of the Board would be detrimental for the future development of electricity in Mysore ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—The views will be taken note of by the Government.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Not merely taken note of, but I want an effective representation to be made by the Government.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is not a question. The Hon'ble Member may take another opportunity to discuss, if he wants to.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಕಾನೂನಿನಲ್ಲಿ 'the State shall constitute an Electricity Board' ಎಂದಿದೆ ಯಲ್ಲವೇ ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I will look into the copy and let you know. But we have asked for further exemption. We got it for a certain period and the question of having further exemption is under consideration.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಗೋಪಾಲಗೌಡ.—ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ exemption ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಬರೆದಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—That is a hypothetical question.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Whether you have received information to the effect that it is not possible to give exemption is the question asked. It is not hypothetical.

A MEMBER.—Time may be given to find out.

Sri S. SRINIVASA IYENGAR.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the employees of the Electrical Department would have the benefit of profit sharing under the Board ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I will note it.

Pensioners (Enhancement of dearness allowance.)

Q.—175. Sri P. R. RAMAIYA (Basavangudi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how much they spend every year for the disbursement of pensions to the Government officers and employees;

(*b*) whether this amount has been increasing year by year or whether it has been stationary;

(*c*) whether the Government has received petitions from pensioners of low-scale that their conditions ought to be improved by some better emoluments;

(*d*) whether Government have considered this matter?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works) [On behalf of SRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister)].—

(*a*) The total amount disbursed annually as pension, excluding gratuities and dearness allowance, ranges from Rs. 31 lakhs in 1947-48 to Rs. 42·56 lakhs in 1952-53.

(*b*) The amount is progressively on the increase.

(*c*) There were representations from some of the pensioners for an increase in the rate of dearness allowance paid to them.

(*d*) Yes.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—How many officers are there who draw pensions of Rs. 500 and above?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Notice.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—What is the pension given to IAS officers?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I cannot furnish separate figures. I can only tell the Hon'ble Member the rise in each year under the head 'Pension' from 1948 to 1953.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—I want to know from the Government what is the pension given to IAS officers?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Figures are not readily available.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Have any contributions been made to State Funds by the Centre in this respect?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—No.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Do not the Government think it necessary to scale down such high level pensions to low level?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—It is a matter of opinion.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—In view of the fact that the cost of living has risen, have the Government any idea of increasing the quantum of pension of low paid officials?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—In the case of low paid officials, the dearness allowance was enhanced once in 1944 and another time in 1946. But the present financial position of the State does not permit further enhancement.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Will the Government provide at least medical and other facilities which are afforded to non-gazetted officers, even after retirement from service?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That does not arise.

Sri P. R. RAMAIYA.—Will the Government consider the cases of pensioners when they ask for re-employment in suitable places, as they have done in the case of some persons?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—That has to be considered in consultation with the Public Service Commission.

Daily allowance to the non-Gazetted officials.

Q.—463. Sri D. R. KARI GOWDA (Hassan).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

the rates of daily allowance allowed to the non-gazetted officials when they go to other places on duty?

A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Public Works) [On behalf of SRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister)].—

Rates of daily allowance are based on salary as indicated in the table under Articles 470 and 471 of the Mysore Service Regulations. Relevant particulars regarding the rates are given below:—